

# A DOUBTING DISCIPLE?

**John 20: 19-31**

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**What do we know about Thomas?**

**- Matthew, Mark, Luke/Acts**

**Thomas = “Twin”**

**One of Apostles - sent out to preach and heal**

**Witnessed the Lord’s Ascension**

# John's Gospel - At Lazarus's Illness/Death

**“Let us also go, that we may die with him” Jn. 11:16**

- ❑ Loyalty and Faith in Jesus**
- ❑ Courage in face of potential danger**
- ❑ Doing the right thing, whatever the consequences**

# John's Gospel - Jesus's last meal with Disciples

**“I am the WAY, the TRUTH , the LIFE” Jn. 14: 6**

**Jesus -**

- The living embodiment of God himself**
- In him we see what God is like**
- We meet God himself**

**❖ Thank you, Thomas, for your searching Question!**

# Resurrection evening

## Why was Thomas absent?

Disappointment and Grief

Personal Remorse and Self Loathing

➤ “No way will I believe without evidence” Jn:20:26

➤ If only I had reason to believe!

One week after Resurrection Day  
Thomas is there.....and Jesus is there!

- ❑ **The Command - “Stop doubting and believe” 20:27.**
- ❑ **The Response - “My Lord and my God!” 20:28**
  
- ❖ **A direct personal relationship with God himself**
  
- **Christianity’s Unique Selling Point [USP]**
  
- ❖ **Faith/Conviction “proves” the truth of the Resurrection**

# THOMAS - WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM HIM?

**1) Honest Doubt and Questioning are OK. Faith is a search for Truth!**

**2) Evidence>>>Conviction of truth>>>Commitment>>>Living Faith**

**3) Christian Fellowship essential to nurturing/sustaining faith**

**Thomas - not so much doubt and failure  
Instead - DISCOVERY and RENEWAL!**